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The above references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449 for the convenience of the Examiner. Regarding the foreign language reference listed on the enclosed PTO-1449, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), Applicants note that the references are provided as exemplary of fastening systems for fastening floor panel structures. Applicants have identified on the enclosed PTO-1449 the drawing figures that are particularly reflective of such fastening systems.

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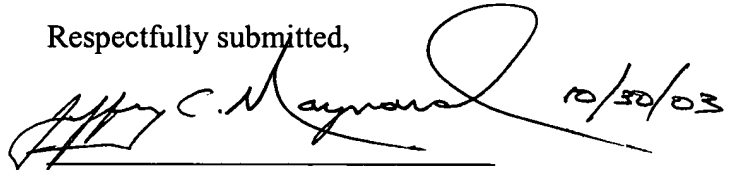
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Furthermore, as stated in 37 C.F.R. 1.97, the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as an admission that the information submitted herewith is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56(b).

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the information submitted herein and to return an initialized copy of the Information Disclosure Statement Form PTO-1449 to Applicants' undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

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